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LETTER FROM LOUDOUN COUNTY.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

LEESBURG, VA., Feb. 26, 1866.—The usual dullness of the winter season has been aggravated by the high waters, which have prevented intercourse with distant parts of the county, but within a few days past, the weather having become very fine, some have ventured to town, and I glean a few items for you.

On Wednesday night the house of Mr. John Hixson, on the mountain south of Aldie, was burned. A hired man had occasion to go up stairs above the kitchen and used no light, and observed no indications of a fire, but about 12 o'clock the family was aroused, and the flames had made such progress that they could not be arrested. On Thursday, in broad day, the house of B. F. Carter, (known generally as Franklin Carter,) was burned while he was in Middleburg. I have not learned what is the probable loss. Mr. Charles H. Lee has sold his farm, two miles east of Leesburg, called "Ellerslie," to a Mr. Flash, of Alabama, (I believe,) for \$13,000. Jonah Nichols sold 300 acres at the toll gate, on the Snicker's Gap road, for \$1,500. It is mountain land and without buildings or fences, and lies in Clarke county, on the Blue Ridge. Elder Farr has bought a farm, belonging formerly to the Clewes family, for \$60 per acre, it contains 100 acres and is well improved. Its barn escaped the general conflagration in 1864.

Our people begin to breathe free again under the President's policy; his position is almost unanimously endorsed—some of the consistent union men seeming best pleased.

It is just at this time exceedingly cold, as my chirography (usually so good!) will show. I think after a little while our people will all be ready for the tri-weekly Gazette, now expected to be issued some time early in the spring.

ALQUIES.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.—In the Senate, yesterday, the credentials of Mr. Perry, one of the Senators elect from the South Carolina, were laid on the table. The bill to incorporate the Atlantic and Pacific railroad company was taken up and after a brief consideration, postponed. The resolution against admitting Congressman from the Southern States was then again up, and the Senate was addressed by Messrs. Nye and Stewart.

The House resumed the consideration of the proposed amendment to the constitution giving power to Congress to make all laws which "shall be necessary to secure to the citizens of each State all privileges and immunities of citizens in the several States, and to all persons in the several States equal protection in the rights of life, liberty and property." This proposed amendment met with such strong opposition from a number of republican members that a motion to postpone its further consideration until the second Tuesday of April was carried by a vote of ayes 113, nays 36. The bill making additional appropriations for civil expenses was then taken up and considered.

We copy in this week's paper, a letter from George Rye, written to Senator Lane, of Kansas. Our patience is not so much exercised at this letter as emanating from the individual, but as coming from and bearing the official signature of the PRESIDING JUSTICE OF SHENANDOAH COUNTY. Certainly, a more unprovoked and uncalled for calumny was never uttered against the morals of any community, and especially against the ancient and proverbial morality and integrity of the old "Tenth Legion."—*Shenandoah Herald.*

The Petersburg Index says:—"The President, on Thursday last, usurped one of the prerogatives of the learned universities, to the great delight of all respectable people. He conferred the degree of 'D. D.' upon Forney. Not that he declared that most unscrupulous 'artful dodger' of the press a 'Doctor of Divinity,' but dubbed him a 'Dead Duck,' and as Forney happens to be the first man ever thus solemnly proclaimed by a President of the United States to be a defunct water-fowl, the epithet has made him famous.

An effort will be made this week to bring L. C. Baker to trial in the N. Y. Criminal Court on the indictment pending against him for robbery. We understand that the prosecution is prepared to proceed in the case.

The Washington correspondent of the New York World states, on what is said to be good authority, that President Johnson will shortly issue a proclamation declaring that peace has been finally established at the South.

PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE LAND.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Fauquier county, pronounced the 12th day of December, 1865, in the suit of Hutton vs. Bastable, the undersigned, who were therein appointed special Commissioners for that purpose, will, on *Friday, 9th of February, 1866*, offer for sale, on the premises, at public auction, to the highest bidder, A TRACT OF LAND, belonging to G. M. Bastable, in the county of Fauquier, and is the same land allotted to said Bastable, in the partition between him and Jas. J. Hutton, and contains by recent survey 866 1-2 ACRES. This is one of the very finest farms in Piedmont, Virginia; is well adapted to the growth of all cereals, and is unsurpassed as a Grazing Farm. It is beautifully situated on both sides of Cedar Run, and is composed entirely of the first and second bottoms of that stream. It lies within half a mile of the Warrenton Junction, on the O. & A. R. R. It has upon it a very VALUABLE MILL, fitted for grinding corn, and which might, with a small outlay, be made one of the finest flouring mills in the county; also, a first-class SAW MILL, in good repair. The DWELLING HOUSE is comfortable, but small. James J. Hutton, esq., who lives on the premises, will take pleasure in showing it to persons desirous to purchase. It is believed that no opportunity for a good investment, equal to this, has for a long time been offered to the public.

Terms of Sale:—One-fourth of the purchase money will be required in cash on the day of sale. The balance in one, two, and three equal annual instalments, to bear interest from the day of sale. The title to the land will be withheld as a security for deferred payments, and the land will be resold by order of Court, upon failure to pay any one of deferred payments.

JOHN M. FORBES.
B. H. SHACKELFORD.
EDGAR T. McVEIGH.
Fauquier co., de 22-dtd Commissioners.
P. S.—The above sale is postponed till *Friday, the 23d day of March, 1866.*

J. M. F.
B. H. S. } Commissioners.
E. H.

Feb 15—dtd
EDGAR T. McVEIGH,
Formerly of J. H. McVeigh & Son,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

WITH
J. C. BAUGHER & CO.,
LIQUOR MERCHANTS,
No. 33, South Charles St.,
BALTIMORE.

Importers of WINES, BRANDIES and LIQUORS generally, dealers in WHISKIES of all grades.

Particular attention paid to old Whiskies, of which they have always a large stock on hand, varying from four to ten years old.

Orders for stock on hand or for direct importation will have prompt attention.

J. C. BAUGHER & CO.,
No. 33, South Charles St.,
Baltimore, Md.

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the name of ROBERTS & HUNT, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Those indebted to the late firm will please settle their accounts without further delay, and those having claims will present them for settlement to either of the subscribers.

ROBT. F. ROBERTS.
EDMUND HUNT.

THE MILLING BUSINESS, AS CARRIED on by the late firm of Roberts & Hunt, will hereafter be conducted by EDMUND HUNT. Old Customers promptly supplied and patronage solicited.

GEORGE DUFFEY,
CLOCK AND WATCHMAKER,
Has removed to No. 113, King street, two doors above Pitt.

WATCHES and JEWELRY carefully repaired and with dispatch. He would respectfully ask a call from his former friends, and the public generally. All watch work warranted on 20—tf

SAMUEL H. JANNEY. MAHLON H. JANNEY.

JANNEY & CO.,

Wholesale & Retail
DRUGGISTS,
And Dealers in WHITE LEAD, PAINTS, OILS, and VARNISHES, Window Glass and Putty, Spices and pure ground ditto, Choice Liquors, Smoking and Chewing Tobacco and Segars, Pure Port, Maderia, and Sherry Wines, Fancy Toilet Articles and Perfumery.

Physicians Prescriptions carefully prepared. Orders from the country solicited, and promptly attended to at the most reasonable rates.

Their store, No. 145, King street, above St. Asaph, has just been handsomely fitted up, and a call from all their friends is respectfully solicited.

JOHN T. CREIGHTON & SON,
No. 88, King Street, Alexandria, Virginia,
DEALERS IN AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, Hardware, Cutlery, Bellows, Anvils, Nail Rods, Horse Shoes, Blister Steel, Files, Rasps, Shoeing Tools, &c. Commin's Iron Beam Plough at factory Prices; Castings for Titus Iron Plough kept on hand; Sash, Doors, Blinds, &c., furnished to order. Roofing Felt, and Cement, Percussion Caps, Double and Single Guns, Shot Pouches, Powder Flasks, &c., wholesale and Retail. Terms Cash, sol—tf

STORE AND WHARF FOR RENT.—One of the most desirable stands or a Ship Chandlery and Grocery in the city, STORE No. 3, KING STREET, at present occupied by Messrs. Broders & Co. Also the wharf at the foot of King street—very desirable as a wood yard and landing. Possession given at once. Apply to
[Fe 24—tf] WHEAT & BRO.

J. P. BARTHOLOW & CO.,

Manufacturers,
and Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, SEEDS
AND FERTILIZERS,
25, King st., between Water and Union sts,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

PLOWS AND PLOW CASTINGS.
CULTIVATORS,
HARROWS,
FIELD ROLLERS,
CORN SHELLERS,
HAY, STRAW AND FODDER CUTTERS,
ROAD SCRAPERS,
OX YOKES,
YOKE BOWS,
HORSE POWERS,
FARM MILLS,
GRINDSTONES,
BELTING,
SHAFTING,
LONG CROSS CUT-SAWS,
CIRCULAR SAWS,
CARDS AND CURRY COMBS,
TRACE CHAINS,
BUCKETS,
BASKETS,
MEASURES,

ROPE,
BLOCKS,
SINGLE AND DOUBLE TREES,
SHOVELS,
SPADES,
FORKS,
AXES,
PICKS,

WHEELBARROWS,
CANAL BARROWS,
SCALES, &c., &c.
GARDEN GRAIN AND FIELD SEEDS.
AGENTS FOR
FAIRBANK'S SCALES,
AND
HERRING'S FIRE AND BURGLAR
PROOF SAFES.

Safes and Scales sold at guaranteed Factory Prices.
J. P. BARTHOLOW & CO.,
25, King street, Alexandria, Va.,
Feb 8—3m 55S, 7th st., Washington, D. C.

WHEELWRIGHT & BLACKSMITHING

We, the undersigned, hereby give notice to the public that having established the above business at West End, are prepared to receive all orders in that line, such as NEW WORK, and repairing Carriages and Wagons.

All kinds of Agricultural Implements made and repaired.

Particular attention given to Horse Shoeing. All orders executed with neatness and dispatch, and on the most reasonable terms.

G. HULFISH,
GEO. W. ROAT

dec 22—eo2m

FOLIATED OR LAMELLA STONE.—I have, from external appearances and also from specimens taken out of a "cut" on the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad, a very valuable quarry of the above quality of STONE.

Judges have pronounced the "specimens" equal to the best quality of Building and Curb Stone; being of a dark blue color, very firm and smooth.

Builders and others are invited to examine this Stone, and if found of the requisite quality, liberal terms can be made for opening and working the quarry.

Apply on the Farm in the occupancy of Mr. Samuel Shreve, eight miles out on the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad.

RICHARD GOIT,

fe 15—eo2w Fall's Church, Fairfax co., Va.

REMOVAL

PRETZFELDER & BENDHEIM

Have removed from Mr. J. B. Clark's store, No. 153, King street, to 166 KING STREET, four doors above, and in order to make a change in their business they offer the balance of their stock, about forty thousand dollars worth of DRY GOODS, SHAWLS, CLOAKS, CARPETS, OIL CLOTH, &c., &c., at and below cost.

jan 29—1m

OLD DOMINION NAILS.

500 kegs Nails, assorted sizes, and of superior quality, will be received in a few days, direct from the Old Dominion Nail Works.—Orders from the trade solicited.

JOHN T. CREIGHTON & SON,

Feb 23—eo1m 88, King street.

SOUTHERN PROTECTION INSURANCE COMPANY.—A called meeting of the Directors will be held at the MANSION HOUSE ALEXANDRIA, on WEDNESDAY, March 7th, 1866.

By order of the President.

WM. WRIGHT,

Secretary,

Feb 21—2w2w

FOR RENT.—Two dwellings on Columbus street, near the depot, containing five rooms, in good order. Rent low to a punctual tenant.

R. L. WOOD,

Feb 24—tf No. 170, King street

TOBACCO.—100 boxes of Tobacco, best brands, for sale by JNO. S. KNOX, Jr.,

Feb 19—1m No. 10, Union st,

ELECTION NOTICE.

We, the undersigned Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of Virginia for the purpose, do hereby give notice that an election will be held on Tuesday, the 6th day of March, at the following places, viz:

No. 34 Prince street for 1st Ward.
Council Chamber " 2nd Ward.
Court House " 3rd Ward.

N. W. cor. Prince and Alfred sts. for 4th Ward.
for 2 Aldermen and 4 Members of Common Council for each Ward, for Mayor and also for the following officers of the Corporation: Guager of Casks, Inspector of Domestic Spirits, Inspector and Measurer of Wood and Bark, two Inspectors of Lumber, Superintendent of Police, Collector of Taxes for the Northern District, Collector of Taxes for the Southern district, Attorney for the Corporation, two Assessors, Clerk of the Market, Auditor of Public Accounts, City Surveyor, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, and Superintendent of Gas.

First Ward. Third Ward.
Benj. H. Lambert. P. G. Uhler.
Geo. W. Dearborn. Robt. Brockett.
N. Hicks. D. M. French.
John Arnold. John H. Parrott.
Wm. N. Brown. Andrew J. Fleming.
Second Ward. Fourth Ward.
John T. Armstrong. W. H. McKnight.
Peter G. Henderson. W. W. Harper.
Henry L. Simpson. C. C. Bradley.
Joseph Cawood. H. S. Martin.
Feb 23—td Commissioners.

WILLIAM F. HENDERSON,
GROCER, LIQUOR &
COMMISSION MERCHANT,

No. 226, King st., cor. Alfred,
Keeps constantly on hand a large and well assorted stock of

GROCERIES AND LIQUORS.

Thankful for patronage received heretofore, respectfully solicit continuance of same.

Jan 29—tf

JAS. RECTOR SMOOT. JOHN PERRY.

SMOOT & PERRY,

DEALERS IN

LUMBER, NAILS, LIME, CEMENT,

AND CALCINED PLASTER,

No. 40 South Union Street.

Feb 15—tf ALEXANDRIA, VA.

THE FERTILIZER

FOR VIRGINIA LANDS.

BAUGH'S RAW BONE PHOSPHATE,

containing 53 per cent. of Phosphate of Lime, and 4.05 " " " Ammonia.

This article is offered with confidence to the Planters of Virginia, as being well adapted to their lands, and just what they need to produce large crops, and permanently improve the soil.

GEO. DUGDALE, Manufacturer's Agt.

Baltimore, Md.

For sale at manufacturer's prices, adding cost of transportation, by KNOX & SMITH,

Jan 22—3m No. 6, S. Union st., Alexandria.

CLOSING OUT.

THE ENTIRE

STOCK OF GOODS,

contained in the store No. 60, King street,

corner of Fairfax, comprising

500,000 CIGARS,

50 boxes superior brands of

CHEWING TOBACCO!

Pipes, Notions, &c., is now being closed out. The attention of Merchants, city and country, is particularly called to the attractions offered in the sale of these goods.

Feb 20—1m I LITTEN.

BOOTS AND SHOES!

NEW STOCK!

NEW STYLES!

CHEAP!

Just received, a large and well selected stock of Ladies', Gent's, Misses, and Children's

BOOTS, SHOES, and GAITERS, of every description, and of the latest styles. Ladies, in want of good and nice fitting shoes, for themselves and children, at very moderate prices, will do well to call at No. 80, King st

Feb 15—tf JOHN T. EVANS.

"COME AND SEE."

Just received.—Patapasco, Limestone, and Welch's Family Flour; Silver Spring Choice Extra; Roll Butter, Leaf Lard, Sugar cured Hams & Breasts, small size.

J. GRIGG,

Feb 19—tf 173, King street.

PLASTER!

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To arrive perschrs. Nancy J. Brayton, Jane Emison and Nellie C. Paine, 600 tons soft blue lump PLASTER, for sale low by

W. A. SMOOT,

Feb 20—tf General Commission Merchant.

100 TONS PACIFIC ISLAND GUANO,

50 tons Bone Dust. For sale by

JOHN S. KNOX, Jr.,

Feb 10—1m No. 10, Union street.

We are requested to state that GRANVILLE J. KELLEY, of Fauquier county, will be supported for the office of President of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, at the approaching meeting of the stockholders, on the 6th of March. [Rich. Sentinel and Lynchburg papers copy and send bill.]

Feb 10—td